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not been murdered on the street, at home, at school, at play, as we've been made to believe. This bill has no basis for being put in effect. I showed Senator Janssen a publication which shows that the fee in Texas, for this kind of license, is \$140, \$140. Maybe that will kind of soften up Senator Janssen's position and we'll get this fee up to where it ought to be. But when you begin to ask people specific questions who have given anecdotal comments about how much good is going to come from a bill such as this, you begin to see that they are unsure, they have to say, well it's something they heard or something they read, but they don't speak with the certitude that they did at first, before they were challenged.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to say again, we had been led to believe, in the Judiciary Committee, that if a bill like this was not passed immediately, all those people in western Nebraska were going to be killed. And I was shocked at these big, strapping men, who were so cowardly and terrified, that they needed to carry a gun. And I'm the littlest thing in here, and I don't carry a weapon, and I'm not afraid of anybody, and I get more threats than anybody. Cowards out there, sniveling, craven cowards. When I get to speak again, I'm going to ask Senator Redfield, so she can get ready, is she going to pack a pistol when this bill passes?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, SENATOR members of the Legislature, I don't see Senator Janssen. I wanted to have a.... I see that he's coming back into the Chamber. Senator Janssen, I wanted to have a short conversation with you, if I could. And this is one of the conversations where I'm really asking you for information, 'cause I know there are two different stories here. But what I wanted to ask about was the experience in Texas. And there's a group down there called the Violence...or, not down there particularly, but a group called the Violence Policy Center, that's against concealed weapons, and puts out a great deal of information about it. And they put out information with regard to the experience in Texas that said, in 1996, Texas concealed handgun licenseholders were